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The way education is enforced in juvenile facilities has caused detrimental effects to the growth and development of young adults. Often times we see that parents are held accountable for not only the children getting their education but also the environments in which they are in when they leave it. This should also apply to juvenile schools and facilities. Accountability is one thing but actually having access and the ability to get education should be a young adult's right. OC spray and other things have derailed this experience and created toxic atmospheres in which youth are forced to focus on surviving versus healing.

As a system accountable for these youth, there should be more conversations and policies focused on the education aspect of the rehabilitative process and how vital it is to a youth's continued growth and change. While I was incarcerated, I was often treated as an animal and looked down upon as I sought to get education. The standards of education while incarcerated did not prepare me for the outside world and did not hold the same standards as schools in the community. I often got the same set of packets in each class and it was often at a first grade level with no real teaching or input from the teachers. This was tragic and made me feel as though I was less than or not good enough.

My ask is that we incorporate policies and procedures that change these standards and allow for not only the youth but the community to give input and help facilitate curriculum geared towards the students' needs. Funds should be allocated and distributed to these policies and procedures through the Youth Justice Reimagined project, giving more space for collaborations to happen and creating real meaningful long-term change.

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Comments in the POC chat-2-23-2023 meeting

Has the POC revisited the allowance of the Juvenile Hall Youth to remain outside of their rooms during shift change? This is very unsafe and does not allow staff to receive boards and secure their units, prior to starting their program. ALSO, not allowing JH staff to give a youth "cool down" when triggered by a situation has caused the uncontrolled structure we are witnessing today. POC can you ask the BOS to protect BOTH youth and staff throughout the Probation Dept...? Thank you

We care for our youth and TAY population. I agree with the anonymous call. The LACO Probation Dept has so many good deputies in the halls, camps, and field programs. I would like to see an "oversight" of those DPO's. Review some of are Employee of the Month and you'll see. So many deputies (GSN, DSO, SNR DSO, DPO I CAMP, DPO II'S CAMP AND FIELD) spend their own money to provide programs for youth we service.

Thanks,

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